

## NAEW&C Force, E-3A Component receive new commanders



*Maj. Gen. Axel Tüttelmann hands over command of the E-3A Component to Brig. Gen. Burkhard Pototzky.*

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# NAEW&C Force, E-3A Component receive new commanders

By Capt. Richard Komurek

**On 22 April a combined change of command for both the NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control Force and the E-3A Component took place in Hangar II, with Gen. Sir John McColl, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, presiding over the ceremony.**

The commander of the NAEW&C Force, Maj. Gen. Axel Tüttelmann, German Air Force, announced his retirement from active duty and handed over the position of Force Commander to Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Schmidt, U.S. Air Force, who has served for three-and-a-half

years as the E-3A Component Commander. Schmidt now moves to Force Command, which is collocated with the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe at Mons, Belgium.

"Today, we have heard of some important achievements which are now behind us. And I want to personally thank all the men and women of the Component for their dedication and professionalism in always delivering 100 percent mission success every time we were called upon," said Maj. Gen. Schmidt. "Now we must also reach forward to the important things which are still ahead of us. We must embrace what is next."

The new E-3A Component commander is Brig. Gen. Burkhard Pototzky, German Air Force. Pototzky formerly served as Chief of Balkan Operations, Joint Commitments Staff, at the German Ministry of Defence.

During the Change of Command ceremony, preparations for potential ISAF support operations were highlighted by both commanders as a top priority for the NAEW&C Force and the E-3A Component.

"First and foremost, the Alliance must succeed in Afghanistan. This Force is the key Battle Management enabler for NATO. We can, and should, deploy in support of ISAF," said, Maj. Gen. Schmidt.

The new E-3A Component Commander also made mention of ISAF operations with an added sense of urgency.

"Right now we are part of the political discussion about the possible use of NATO AWACS to support ISAF operations and deliver urgently needed capabilities to our forces in Afghanistan. That means we have to be mission ready in all required areas so that we can start a possible deployment on short notice," said Brig Gen. Pototzky. "We will be successful if we remember our strength and rise to the challenge with courage, heart and drive. These are the characteristics which distinguish us from others."

## Biography

Brigadier General Burkhard Pototzky was born in Neumünster, Germany. He enrolled in the German Air Force in 1975 and graduated from Officer Course in 1976.

After receiving his Wings in 1978 at Sheppard, Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, USA, and completing fighter training at George AFB, California, in 1979, he was posted to 712 Squadron of Fighter Wing 71 "Richthofen" in Wittmund, Germany, where he flew F-4 F Phantoms and served as the Squadron Weapons Officer and later as Operations Officer Flying Group.

Following an assignment as squadron commander of 352 Fighter-Bomber Squadron in Pferdsfeld he attended the 36th General Staff Course at the General Command and Staff College, Hamburg, from 1991-1993. Brigadier General Pototzky served as a staff officer exercises as well as plans/policy at HQ AFCENT, Brunssum, the Netherlands, before being posted in 1996 to the staff of the 2nd German Air Division at Birkenfeld. In autumn 1998, he commanded the German Air Contingent during SFOR operations at Vicenza, Italy. In 1999, he was posted to the MOD in Bonn to serve in the concepts and long-term developments branch of the German Air Staff.

In 2001, he became commander of Fighter Wing 71 "Richthofen"



Brig. Gen. Burkhard Pototzky

in Wittmund and was promoted to Colonel. During this time he was commander GEAF Ops Wing 2 at Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, for ISAF Operations. Following this command, Brigadier General Pototzky was posted to German Air Force Command, Cologne, being in charge of Air Force flying operations. In 2006 he was posted again to the MOD to become Branch Chief of the Air Staff concepts and long-term developments branch and Branch Chief Operations Concepts & Exercises within the Joint Staff. In 2008 he assumed the position Chief Balkan Operations, Joint Commitments Staff, MOD Germany. On 14 April 2009 he was promoted to Brigadier General.

Brigadier General Pototzky is married and has two children.

## Maj. Gen. Tüttelmann's last flight

By Maureen Geraets-Head

*NAEW&C Force Commander Maj. Gen. Axel Tüttelmann had his last flight on an E-3A AWACS at NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen on 21 April, his birthday and the day before the change of command. The tradition of last flights calls for a hose down with cold water by the Fire Brigade. His wife Marie-Louise and daughter Natascha were present for this special event. Gen. Tüttelmann was the oldest active duty military on flying status. Looking back at a wonderful Air Force career, especially with the NATO E-3A Component in Geilenkirchen and Force Command in Mons, Belgium, the General starts his retirement and moves to the Bonn area.*

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Photos Andrea Hohenforst & MSgt. Chris Braun



Brig. Gen. Burkhard Pototzky accepts command of the E-3A Component from Maj. Gen. Axel Tüttelmann.



Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt accepts command of the NAEW&C Force from Gen. Sir John McColl.

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# Flight simulator upgrades to NATO Mid-Term configuration

By Maureen Geraets-Head

**The completion of the flight simulator cockpit upgrade to meet NATO Mid-Term (NMT) standards called for a ceremony that took place on 16 April in the Flight Deck Simulator area. Contractor representatives, invited guests, civilian staff instructors and project officers who worked on this upgrade were present for this special event. The upgraded flight simulator now permits flight crews to train on the actual NMT cockpit layout in procedure handling, troubleshooting and dealing with malfunctions.**

The ceremony started with speeches by the Chief Operating Officer of Canadian Aviation Electronics (CAE GmbH), Mr Klaus Niessen, NAPMA General Manager Brig. Gen. Berndt Glowacki and Component Commander Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt. After the speeches, the Certificates of Completion were signed.

"Today it's a great honor and pleasure for me to formally hand back the simulator to the Component after this last modification. The simulator was designed and manufactured by CAE in Montreal and was installed at the Component's Main Operating Base in September 1981. Now, 27 years later, the simulator has undergone several improvement programs and more than 100 modifications. With this last NMT upgrade we proved that we were able to stick to our contractual terms and conditions", Niessen said. Contractor CAE started working on



*Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt (left) shows Brig. Gen. Berndt Glowacki the improved simulator cockpit, which is an exact replica of the real cockpit.*

Photos Andrea Hohenforst

the upgrade program on 5 February of this year and the project was completed on 31 March at a total cost of 1.5 million Euro. CAE has held the Flight Simulator and Cockpit Procedures Trainer maintenance contract for the past 27 years, achieving an extremely high availability rate of 98%. It provides constant high-quality maintenance work and support. This year, the flight simulator will reach its 100,000th flight hour.

Then NAPMA General Manager Brig. Gen. Berndt Glowacki addressed the audience. "I'm proud of this achievement," he said, "It's another success story and there is more

modernization to come on other Flight training devices. I'd like to thank all involved for their team spirit and I'm looking forward to the next steps to come".

Component Commander Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt was pleased to see the completion of this NMT upgrade. "The NATO Mid-Term modernization program is the biggest and most significant transformation of any AWACS fleet in the world. The program began with our E-3A aircraft, continues with our mission simulators, and today we see the final piece of this transformation, our upgraded flight simulator. This is an important training milestone, because now flight simulator training matches the capabilities that we have on our NMT aircraft. Our need is for a flight simulation capability that gives our crews the most current technology and provides realistic training and transferable real-world experience. This simulator upgrade directly translates into improved training, better pilot proficiency and ultimately better mission capability for NATO. It will change how we fly our airplane, which will also benefit the community. And thank you to all who made this future training a reality today," Schmidt says.

Lt.Col. Gero Ronneberger, Chief Flight Simulator Branch, explains, "You could call the flight simulator our 18th E-3A. It has now also been upgraded to NMT standards, just like our 17 NATO E-3As.

The cockpit in the flight simulator is now an exact copy of the real NMT E-3A cockpit with UHF and VHF radios, Flight Management System (FMS), GPS and a second weather radar. With these upgrades our simulator qualifies a step further towards Level D standard. This is the highest standard for flight simulators and meets all the requirements that also apply for civil aviation. The simulator always has to be an exact replica of the actual aircraft because that's essential for flight safety awareness, crew resource management and training," Ronneberger says. "But this will not be the last improvement of the flight simulator. A new visual system is going to be the next step. In a year from now - around May 2010 - a new "Medallion 6000" vision system will be installed and will give an even more realistic view from the cockpit to the runway and the surrounding landscape". After the visual upgrade NATO will seek full qualification in accordance with civil Joint Aviation authorities.

Last year, all the squadrons used and flew the flight simulator for more than 3,000 hours. This figure reflects not only flight crew training but also training for maintenance technicians. The flight simulator is in use for 16 hours a day, five days a week. The installation of the second weather radar and third Control Display Unit for the FMS gives navigators the possibility to train individually or in a crew concept.



*Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt and Brig. Gen. Berndt Glowacki in front of the upgraded flight simulator.*

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"As all of our employees and suppliers will tell you, there's nothing more exciting than handing over the keys to a new C-17," Chadwick said, addressing military and international dignitaries and Boeing Co. employees.

"Usually, we're turning over just one set of keys," he said. "But thanks to this innovative consortium of nations, it looks like I'm going to have to ask Jean (Chamberlin, C-17 program manager) to prepare 12 sets of keys to this C-17 when the day of delivery arrives."

NATO, Hungary, U.S. Air Force and Boeing officials celebrated the joining of the plane's major parts and the 12 nations that came together to purchase the aircraft.

Recognizing a need for strategic airlift among NATO nations more than three years ago, Partnership for Peace nations Sweden and Finland

and NATO members Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the United States agreed to participate in NATO's Strategic Airlift Capability program.

The program allows these nations to share in the purchase and operating costs of three C-17s over the nearly 30-year course of the agreement, setting the stage for NATO's first major defence purchase in 30 years.

"This was a capability that made sense," said Peter Flory, NATO assistant secretary general for defence investment. The first of three C-17s will be delivered in July to Papa Air Base in Hungary and used to support national, European Union and NATO military, peacekeeping, humanitarian and disaster relief missions. Chamberlin said Boeing hopes to deliver all three by the end of year.

"These are really exciting times for the 12 nations charged to take this program from concept to reality," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Richard Johnston, who serves as chairman

of the Strategic Airlift Capability Steering Board. "No nation today is independent of those around it. These two Partnership for Peace and 10 NATO nations will succeed in bringing airlift to meet their national needs while working together through unwavering cooperation and partnership."

Imre Szekeres, defence minister for the Republic of Hungary, said Friday's ceremony comes a day after his country celebrated the 10th anniversary of its participation in NATO. "This is a very great day for Hungary," he said. He also talked about the importance of this joint initiative, especially in the midst of a worldwide economic crisis. "The solution is to spread initiatives like ours because joint efforts will lead us to better and more efficient results," he said. "I truly hope that the successful program implementation will arouse the interest among other nations as a result."

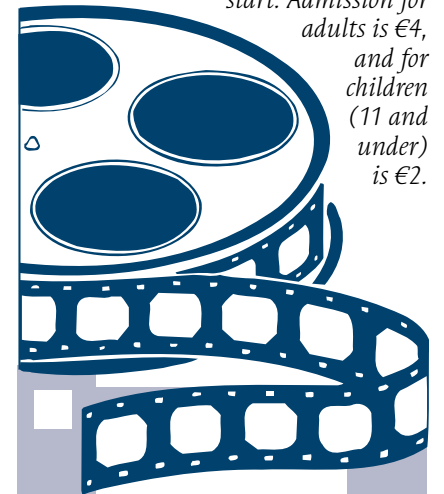
To date, Boeing has delivered 184 C-17s to the U.S. Air Force, four to Canada, four to Australia and six to the United Kingdom. It also is working on C-17s for Qatar, which in July became the first Middle East customer to order them.

"Today's major join, and soon the delivery of the first C-17 to Papa Air Base in Hungary, will underscore, once again, how far the C-17 program has come," Chamberlin said.

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## Hellenic National Independence Day



Text and photo Lt. Ilias Magnisalis

The Greek NSU hosted the annual Hellenic Independence Day Celebration on 18 March 2009. The program began with the Te Deum held at the base NATO Chapel officiated by the Right Reverend Bishop, Evmenios of Lefkis. A reception followed at the Officers' Club, where the Greek Senior National Representative Lt. Col. Dimitrios Votsis (middle) welcomed all invited guests.

The Hellenic Independence Day celebration was honored by the presence of Maj. Gen. Stephen

Schmidt (left); the General Counselor of Greece in Cologne, Nicolas Plexidas (right); representatives of all on base NATO nations; Greek military personnel from nearby bases and Greek inhabitants of the local area.

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# “The dog never lies”

By SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

From 23 March for a period of three weeks, around 45 explosive detection dog teams, including all six 'bomb dogs' of the Civil Guard, took their annual examination at the E-3A Component. These tests, a requirement that the teams have to undergo every year, were performed in co-operation with the German Police.

“The teams have to show their ability to detect various kinds of explosives,” says Mr. Leon Brands, Civil Guard dog trainer. At the E-3A Component the training of the dogs is the responsibility of Security Squadron's Civil Guard Dog Section. Among its 25 guard dogs the E-3A Component has six bomb dogs – Belgian and German shepherd dogs. All six are dual-trained, which means they can also be used as guard dogs. “They can conduct patrols, escort and defend their handler, perceive possible danger at an early stage and, of course, can be used as a means of attacking the possible danger,” says Brands.

But as a matter of principle their main duty is to detect explosives. “Of course we need the most suitable dogs for this kind of work,” says Brands. “Perhaps many people think we receive the dogs as puppies, but that is incorrect. At that stage the risk is too high that they will not be suitable for the purpose. After a thorough testing programme we accept dogs when they are between 18 and 24 months old. We especially we look at the dog's character. He has to be playful.”

When the purchase has been made, the dog handler immediately takes the dog home with him. The dog becomes a part of the handler's family. The contact between the handler and the dog is most important. Social contact with other people is also a motivating factor. “It's vital that the dog for nothing shrinks back,” says Brands. “That's done by playing with him. Taking him into all kinds of places and conditions, for instance into markets and under bridges, to light and dark places, and to areas where loud music is playing.”



*International Military Police Civil Guard dog trainer Leon Brands (left), with his dog Cooper, and Stefan Herzauer, Chief Superintendent of Police of the District of Cologne, with his dog Ramses, during their yearly examination at the end of March.*



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*Teamwork: the contact between the handler and his dog is very important.*

As soon as the dog arrives at the E-3A Component, the basic six-month period of training starts. This is done internally on base and runs parallel with the training of the dogs of the North Rhine Westphalia Police. “This provides greater possibilities for us,” explains Brands. “In addition to the fact that we can use police locations and various explosive substances, we can also discuss upcoming problems.” The last five weeks are done at the German Police Force training area and are followed by an examination.

After basic training the dog can recognize all currently known explosive substances. The next phase is to obtain more experience and become familiar with substances in larger amounts and in conditions involving various distractions. “Larger amounts are much more difficult for the dog to localize than smaller amounts, as these are more easily identified by the dog's nose,” Brands explains.

To enable the dog to gain experience it's important to use different locations and other explosive substances. The more information a dog acquires about strange smells, the better it can do its job. “For that purpose we have contact with German, Dutch and British military and/or police forces,” Brands says. “Constant training is absolutely essential. After the first 6 months the dogs have learned to recognize certain smells, but they need extra training to recognize other substances. When you only train with your own materials the dog gets used to them. Then the dog only regards

those materials as a danger, not other substances. Also the handler has to learn how the dog reacts to each different substance. This is vitally important when it comes to a real-world situation. If the team doesn't receive constant training, it will have problems in judging a situation.”

If an unidentified bag, suitcase or box is found on base, the explosive detection dog teams are called out to check it. But they are also used to check vehicles at the gates and to sweep large areas at events like the Component's 25th Anniversary celebration or the Oktoberfest. Sweeping large areas always involves several teams working together.

“The dog never lies,” says Brands, “but it can't provide a 100% guarantee. Right now it's the best help that you can find on the market.”



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# Heart attack survival..... fitness pays

By Geoff Bucknall

**On Thursday, 5 February, it came as a great surprise for many people, and of course myself, to hear that I had suffered a heart attack, considering my fitness fanatic lifestyle: endurance cycling, Spinning and Fitness Instructor. And, never smoked in my life! For this reason, and because of the many questions put to me, I am keen to tell my story, and put the minds of my fitness and sporting friends and colleagues at ease, as well as tip readers that may be less active.**

## My heart attack

As the instructor for the 1200 o'clock spinning class in the New Gym, all was going fine, until about 20 minutes into the class by which time the training intensity had increased. I was feeling OK but not super, somewhat tired. I noticed looking at my heart rate monitor that my heart rate was very low for the intensity of training. It was at this point I decided to step off the instructor bike, and asked Ms. Nicole

Bruist, who was in the class, to take over from me. Still feeling OK but tired, I continued to watch the class for about 15 minutes, after which I started to feel weak and nauseous, as I walked down the corridor. I was very fortunate that Mr. Bert Hendriks, sports instructor, saw me. Mr. Hendriks noticed immediately that something was wrong. At this stage I still had no idea I was actually having a heart attack (the symptoms are not always obvious). Mr. Hendriks guided me into his office where after a few minutes I apparently lost consciousness (I didn't know this until he told me a couple of days later). He was quick to respond with re-animation, after about seven or eight compressions to my chest, I regained consciousness. The Component's emergency services were quick on the scene (compliments), and I was rushed to Eschweiler's St Antonius Krankenhaus. Two coronary artery blockages were the cause, one 80% and the culprit artery at the rear of the heart completely blocked. Two DES (Drug Eluting Stents) stents were inserted to widen the affected arteries.

## Hereditary

The artery blockage was caused by a hereditary condition of arteriosclerosis or coronary artery

disease, which I have been combating for some time. Unfortunately, much of the damage was done in my younger years then it is often just a question of time.

## The point of my story

Be in no doubt, Mr. Hendriks' prompt and correct action saved my life!

However, the following points also contributed significantly to my survival:

- The importance of wearing a heart rate monitor during intensive training, is very significant. Knowing how your heart reacts to the intensity of the training you are doing can provide you with valuable information. Over a period of time you get the feeling for what your heart rate should be, for a specific training intensity.
- A heart attack of this nature (rear wall of the heart) is in most cases fatal. Interestingly, all the senior doctors at the St. Antonius Krankenhaus, as well as my own doctor, stated that I was extremely lucky and that my strong heart through physical fitness contributed significantly to my being able to tell this story today. Which brings me to the main message I wish to convey - keeping yourself physically fit, does pay,

and could save your life!

- Further, I am fortunate to have little to no damage to the heart muscles (unusual in itself, especially after compressions), and am able to return to my fitness activities, monitoring my maximum heart rate carefully, but able to continue my fitness program almost as before. This recovery is also down to a good physical condition.

## Thank you!

Now is a good time to say thank you: I wish to thank the Component's Medical Squadron emergency services, the emergency ambulance service of Geilenkirchen, the St. Antonius Krankenhaus and it's staff, in particular OberArtz Reith who inserted my stents, and OberArtz Schallenberg and Ploch of Cardio Reha, and the Reha staff.

And of course, Mr. Bert Hendriks of the Sports Department! There are no words to thank him for what he did for me, but in Hendriks' own words, he knows I would do the same for him, or anyone!

In the very near future I hope to return to giving Spinning classes, hope to see you there!

## Keep fit!



Mr. Geoff Bucknall (right) active again on the spinning bike with Mr. Bert Hendriks from Sports Department.  
Photo Andrea Hohenforst

## A few Facts & Tips

- Remember, only 50% of heart attack victims live to tell the tale, and, the highest risks are: smoking, high blood pressure, lack of physical activity and overweight. (Source: Cardio Reha, St Antonius Krankenhaus, Eschweiler)
- Consider asking yourself the following:
  - Would you know what to do if someone collapses in your presence? Consider a First Aid Refresher course!
  - When did you last have a thorough cardio check-up (especially if you are approaching middle age)?
  - When did you last exercise? Do regular exercise!

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**IDH, Officers', Frisbee and Sentry Clubs now on the BASS LAN System. Menu information under Public Folders/Base Support Wing/Services Squadron/Clubs or IDH. Also, check out the Services Squadron web page for programme information and upcoming events.**

### E-3A Component Clubs

Sunday brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Brunch price €15.75; show your valid Club card and get a 30% discount! Children 4-12 years half price. Reservations should be made NLT 1200 on the Friday before, Club cards are required. For additional information, please contact the Officers' Club, ext. 4990, or the Frisbee Club, ext. 4994.

*Officers' Club brunch, Frisbee Club closed.*

Mother's Day brunch at Officers' and Frisbee Club €17.50.

*Frisbee Club brunch, Officers' Club closed.*

24 No brunch. Officers' and Frisbee Club closed.

31 Frisbee Club brunch, Officers' Club closed.

### Officers' Club (SWPO/4990)

Operating hours bar Monday-Friday 1100-2100; restaurant Monday-Friday 1130-1330; Sunday 1100-1400 (alternating with the Frisbee Club). Reservations are required for Sunday brunch by 1200 on the Friday before. Club cards required when using the Frisbee Club (ext. 4994). Lunch at the Officers' Club Monday through Thursday; A la Carte menu served, a vegetarian menu also available, Friday buffet style lunch.

*Throughout the month membership appreciation. One time each month for each Officers' Club member, buy one drink of your choice and get an equivalent drink of your choice free of charge, Club cards required.*

Tuesdays 1700-1800 Happy Hour, free snacks available; Fridays 1430-1700 Happy Hour, free snacks available.

*The Officers' Club has rooms available for your conferences, meetings, presentations, lunches or Commanders' Call, make your reservations now.*

For members living on base – if you like to watch TV and/or have a drink during the weekends while the Club is closed – collect the key for the Officers' Club Casual Bar at the Pass/Visitors' Office, Main Gate.

*Officers' Club participation in Frisbee Club Events: During Frisbee Club opening hours, Officers' Club members are eligible to utilize the Frisbee Club for breakfast, dinner and Sunday brunch (on an alternating basis between the Frisbee and Officers' Clubs). Club cards required when Officers' Club members are using the Frisbee Club.*

Cancellations for Officers' Club events will be accepted up to two days prior to the event on ext. 4990.

# MWA INFORMATION

## May



After this time, a cancellation fee of €5 per person must be charged for non-excused absences.

*Visit the Officers' Club Web Page on the Component Information Portal, through Base Support Wing, Services Squadron, Clubs, for the latest information.*

Labour Day, Club closed.

8 Asparagus dinner, reservations required, see special flyer!

11-14 Asparagus special during lunch time.

12 BBQ on terrace from 1600-2000, see special flyer!

**Special note: Due to major interior renovation work, the Officers' Club will be closed from 18 May onwards, for approximately 4 to 5 weeks.**

### Frisbee Club (SWPN/4994)

Make a reservation today at the Frisbee Grill and enjoy the cosy atmosphere and good food! Remember - the Frisbee Club is open for breakfast and dinner to all Frisbee and Officers' Club members (Club cards required).

*Every Monday-Thursday Happy Hour from 1700 until 1800; every Friday Happy Hour from 1430 until 1900 (including snacks at 1700).*

Lunch 'buffet-style' menu, lunch specials and restaurant specials can be found on Frisbee Club Wise page. Lunchtime specials of the week in addition to the regular buffet are:

*Every Monday: Bratwurst, 'Frikandel Spezial' or pasta special of the week; every Tuesday: 'Frisbee Burger' or pasta special of the week; every Wednesday: Pizza or Asparagus Special; every Thursday: homemade schnitzel or pasta special of the week; every Friday: Steak, fish special or pasta special.*

Every Monday and Friday steak night (normal restaurant times) - steak dinner only, reservations required.

5, 11, 18, 25 Country Line Dance, 1930.

1 Labour Day, Club closed.

5 Skat, 1800-2300.

10 Sunday brunch, reservations required.

12 Bingo, 1900-2230.

14 International Women's Club, 1900.

17 Sunday brunch, reservations required.

21 Ascension Day, Club closed.

22 Component Down Day, Club closed.

26 Bingo, 1900-2230.

### Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997)

The 'Q&Q Corner', located next to the designated smoking area, can hold approximately 25 people. Ideal for meetings, conferences, breakfast

or other small events.

*In addition to the daily special, the Sentry Club also offers a weekend special, which will include a soup or dessert as well as the main course.*

*The weekend special will be advertised in the Sentry Club and also on the Component information web page.*

Last Pizza Order at 1830, Monday-Friday; variety of new pizzas is available now, i.e. Pizza 'Gyros', Pizza 'Calzone' and Pizza 'Spinach'. We also will add some new toppings. As soon as the preparations are finished, the details will be advertised on our Component information web page. We will also offer little rolls made from pizza dough with herb butter or garlic mayonnaise.

*Take advantage of our new Salad Bar, various types of freshly prepared salads available at a reasonable price.*

Do you need support for conferences or meetings? The Sentry Club can assist with coffee, soft drinks, half rolls or freshly prepared muffins. For more information, please contact the Sentry Club management.

*Need supplies for a party? The Sentry Club is your stop for Warsteiner Beer in 30 ltr and 50 ltr containers, various soft drinks in 1 ltr bottles and tables, benches and other items to help in organising your party. Please be sure to order in advance.*

### Sports Department (SWPT/4946)

#### 1 Opening swimming pool

4 International invitational outdoor volleyball tournament, deadline registration.

4 Deadline to request inclusion in the summer schedule, Old Gym, New Gym and Multi-Purpose Room.

#### 7 Sports Day coaches' meeting 0900 at Sentry Club

15 Softball league/tournament, deadline registration.

16 4th Outdoor international invitational Co-ed volleyball tournament, outdoor volleyball courts, New Gym.

28 Monthly sports event, different activities, open for all personnel.

29 Registration starts for Component Sports Day

30,31 11th International invitational co-ed slow-pitch softball tournament, softball fields.

*Opening hours Sports Department: Every day from 0600-2200.*

### International Library (SWPL/4956)

The operating hours are 1100-1500, Monday through Friday. The International Library will be closed from 11-20 May due to inventory!

*Visit the Geilenkirchen International Library and see the expanded travel section, books and guides for most European countries as well as other fantastic vacation destinations! They are there to help make your holiday travel planning go smoothly. We also have compiled lists of discount airlines and hotel booking agencies to help you.*

Remember to come back often, as much of the music and movie collection frequently gets updated. We have material to help with your continuing education as well. The entire Embry Riddle section was just updated as well as many of the CLEP materials. We even have some CLEP material on DVD to help you make the grade.

*Don't be one of those unfortunate people who visit the library only during their out-processing, only to realize how nice it would have been to use the facility while you had a chance. The friendly and helpful staff members are always available to assist you.*

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### International Pre-school (SWPS/4957)

1 Labour Day, no school.

21 Ascension Day, no school.

22 Component Down Day, no school.

*For more information and registration, please call the school's office at ext. 4957 or visit us!*

### Thrift Shop (SWPG/4919)

Opening hours 1000-1400 every Tuesday and Thursday

### International Youth Activities (SWPY/4954/5)

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955.

*Mothers Day weekend trip to Keukenhof Flower Park and Gouda*

Join the IYA to enjoy famous Keukenhof Park with its colourful gardens and pavilions filled with tulips, daffodils and hyacinths on Saturday, 9 May, 0800-2000. We will travel on to the beautiful cheese city of Gouda with its historic buildings and picturesque canals. Point of departure and return is the parking lot outside the Front Gate. Cost is €23 for adults, €20 for ages 12-17, €18 for ages 4-11, and €12 for ages 3 and under.

*Swimming courses for beginners and advanced beginners*

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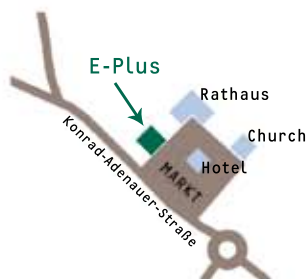
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